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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - October 23, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Casey Ty-Sha Billingsley was sentenced today in United States District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Marilyn L. Huff to serve 77 months in custody following Billingsley's conviction of six counts of bank robbery. Judge Huff also ordered that Billingsley serve a three-year term of supervised release following her release from prison and pay restitution to the victim banks in the amount of \$9,140.00. Billingsley previously pled guilty to six counts of bank robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a).

In her guilty pleas, Billingsley admitted to committing six bank robberies in November and December of 2005, targeting Union Bank of California branches in San Diego and Chula Vista. In each robbery, she presented a handwritten demand note to the bank teller asking for certain amounts or denominations of cash. She received between \$560.00 and \$3,360.00 per robbery. According to court records, she was apprehended after she robbed a Union Bank on University Avenue on December 15, 2005, when a bank security guard ran after her and located her in a nearby restaurant.

At the time of the robberies, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the San Diego Police Department issued a Special Bulletin referring to Billingsley as the “Granny Hat Bandit” because Billingsley usually wore a hat during the bank robberies.

U.S. Attorney Lam praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the San Diego Police Department for their investigation and quick apprehension of the defendant.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 05CR2330-H

CASEY TY-SHAW BILLINGSLEY

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a), Bank Robbery

Penalties: Maximum twenty years’ imprisonment. Maximum \$250,000 fine. Mandatory restitution of the value of property not returned (18 U.S.C. § 3663A).

AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Diego Police Department